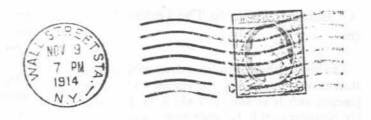
A Few More Words on (I77)

Rudy Roy writes: In the March 1993 (pp. 66-67), June 1993 (pp. 124-125) and November/December 1993 (pp. 209-210) issues of *The Perfins Bulletin*,



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comments and questions about the Redmond and Co. pattern, currently (and incorrectly) listed in the Catalog of United States Perfins as I77 have been made. Perhaps the cover illustrated above (one of several in my collection) will provide the US Catalog Editor with a basis to correct the listing. To me, it should more appropriately listed as an "R" pattern.

If you will look at the return address in the lower left hand corner, the word "REDMOND" begins with what could be interpreted as either "1R" or "IR". However, lacking any corroborating information to the contrary, what appears is actually the letter "R" in a fancy type style. This fancy type style was either adapted for the perfin pattern and later for stationery.

The multiple use of two different patterns (F174.5 and I77) of the stock sales receipt illustrated in the March 1993 issue can be explained by the absorption of one company by another preceding the use of the tax stamps, and, having those with the I77 pattern remaining and using them up. While such mixed use is not common, it can be found occasionally.